GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5086
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2002
REDUCTION IN PRICES OF PDS COMMODITIES
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have demanded for supply of wheat at the export price for Pav and Breadmanufacturers to produce quality Pav and Bread;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. A proposal was received from the Federation of Maharashtra Bakers Association for release of 1 lakh M.T. of wheat per month for the next two years through the State Govt. of Maharashtra at the export price of Rs.415/- per qtl. for producing Pav and other bakery products at cheaper rates. The proposal, was examined but was not agreed to as there was no scheme for providing wheat exclusively to the Bakers of the Maharashtra State at subsidizedrate for conversion into bakery products. Like other bulk purchasers of wheat, the bakers of Maharashtra are also free to purchase the desired quantity of wheat under the existing Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) of wheat at the rates in force from time to time. From February2002, the issue price of open sale wheat is being fixed by the FCI State-wise and for the month of April, 2002, the issue prices of Sound wheat/Lustre lost wheat (2001-2002) as fixed for all the States/U.Ts., are annexed.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)&(c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5086 DUE FOR ANSWE 26-04-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATE-WISE OPEN SALE RATES OF WHEAT FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL, 2002

Rate per qtl.(in Rs.)

North Zone

SNo	Name of State/U.T	Lustre lost wheat 2001-02	Sound wheat
1	Delhi	Not for sale locally+	655
2	Chandigarh	Not for sale locally+	655
3	Punjab	Not for sale locally+	655
4	Haryana	Not for sale locally+	655
5	Uttar Pradesh	Not for sale locally+	665
6	Uttaranchal	Not for sale locally+	665
7	Rajasthan	Not for sale locally+	665
8	Himachal Pradesh	620	660
9	Jammu & Kashmir	630	670

South Zone

10	Tamilnadu	685	725
11	Pondicherry	685	725
12	Kerala	685	725
13	Andhra Pradesh	680	720
14	A&N Islands	690	730
15	Lakshadweep	690	730
16	Kernataka	680	720

East Zone

17	Bihar	640	680
18	West Bengal	660	700
19	Sikkim	665	705
20	Orissa	665	705
21	Jharkhand	650	690

North East Zone

22	Assam & Other NE States	675	715

West Zone

23	Maharashtra	655	695
24	Goa	660	700
25	Madhya Pradesh	Not for sale locally	670
26	Chattisgarh	650	690
27	Gujarat	650	690
28	Daman & Diu	650	690
29	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	650	690

+ However, despatch of luster lost wheat to non procuring regions will continue as per the existing instructions